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Serial No. 10/085,083

In the matter of the Application of: Katsuhide OSHIMA, et al.

or: PROCESSING SOLUTION FOR FORMING HEXAVALENT
CHROMIUM FREE AND CORROSION RESISTANT CONVERSION
FILM ON ZINC OR ZINC ALLOY PLATING LAYERS, HEXAVALENT
CHROMIUM FREE AND CORROSION RESISTANT CONVERSION
FILM METHOD FOR FORMING THE SAME

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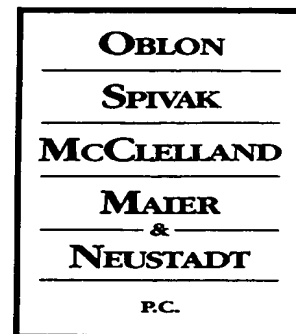


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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/085,083
Applicants: Katsuhide OSHIMA, et al.
Filing Date: March 1, 2002
For: PROCESSING SOLUTION FOR FORMING
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM FREE AND
CORROSION RESISTANT CONVERSION FILM ON
ZINC OR ZINC ALLOY PLATING LAYERS,
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM FREE AND
CORROSION RESISTANT CONVERSION FILM
METHOD FOR FORMING THE SAME
Group Art Unit: 1742
Examiner: Wilkins III, H. D.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Our check in the amount of _____ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Specifically, Applicants submit that U.S. 6,287,704 (Preikschat et al) does not present a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Applicants adhere to the argument made in the Request for Reconsideration filed September 14, 2004 regarding patentability over Preikschat et al. While the argument was not couched in language discussing the presence or absence of a *prima facie* case of obviousness, Applicants maintain that the argument is tantamount to one that Preikschat et al does not present a *prima facie* case of obviousness, but whether such

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a case was presented is irrelevant, because the claimed invention would not have been obvious over Preikschat et al, after all the relevant evidence of record is considered anew.

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